

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FIKE *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/705,940

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For: **Dry Powder Cells and Cell
Culture Reagents and Methods of
Production Thereof**

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time from March 15, 2007 to May 15, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-3994 in the amount of \$450 for a two-month extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

Filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in the above-captioned application. Therefore, in reply to the Final Office Action dated December 15, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. It is respectfully believed that entry and consideration of the Amendments and Remarks is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, as this submission is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee, abandonment of the application, or filing of a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit.

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